

VOTE FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT TODAY

Tulsa citizens have a genuine opportunity to serve their city well today. The particular opportunity could not be embraced yesterday. It cannot be embraced tomorrow. It must be embraced today or not at all.

The nonpartisan charter amendments, 2 and 4, point the way. If these amendments are adopted by the citizens today, the combined citizenship of the city will be able to nominate and elect officials who are not answerable to a partisan clique. The constructive element of the city can stand together behind

capable men in both primary and election. And a city administration will ensue which is not directed by the partisan manipulators of either party.

The question is a simple one: Tulsa has had 15 years of partisan administrations. If a single one has closed without scandal, dissatisfaction and charges of corruption, then we would like to have it mentioned.

We all know what partisan municipal government is. We all know that it has been uniformly unsatisfactory. And by that very fact we know that the next administration, no matter whether elected under the colors of democracy or republican-

ism, will be precisely as has been its predecessors.

There are those who aver that nonpartisan government will result in corruption, graft and so on. That is a mere opinion. But if so, can it be any worse than the 15 years of partisan government we have had? Precisely such charges have been urged against every administration in our history.

We do not believe even a modicum of such charges in the past has been substantially true. But because the administration has been always answerable to a partisan organization which had larger interests in the county or state, the serv-

ice it rendered has been inefficient, unsatisfactory and unduly expensive.

We believe that if partisan considerations are ignored that the home-owning, constructive element of our citizenship can and will agree on candidates capable of affording better and more economical government; that the new women voters will find their duties much more agreeable, be able to vote together and thus hold the decided balance of power in elevating and purifying politics.

We believe that better men can be induced to stand for office; that after they are elected they can com-

mand the support of all good citizens and that the scandalmonger and the slanderer will have much less incentive to ply his trade.

In short, we believe that Tulsa will be tremendously the winner by adopting the nonpartisan amendments. Because of this sincere conviction, because we would free ourselves of partisan influences just as we wish to free the individual voter, we earnestly invite everyone to support the two amendments named.

The opposition declares that there isn't a chance to carry them. That may be. But even so, there is the tremendous satisfaction which comes to one for having tried to ac-

complish something worth while, for having had the courage to stand up and be counted.

The World is perfectly confident that the major portion of this community is for the nonpartisan amendment — if that sentiment could be crystallized in the ballot boxes today.

Our final word is to urge every citizen to vote on the charter amendments. If you can find it agreeable to your honest convictions and best judgment, support at least No. 2 and No. 4. The others should have your fair consideration. But at any rate exercise your privilege as electors and vote.

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JOKES INVENTED BY WILL ROGERS ANGER PRESIDENT

Notice Served on Comedians That Puns About G. O. P. Are Passe

'COWBOY' IS 'IN BAD'

Refused Invitation to White House; Harding Also Shuns Will Rogers' Theater

JOKESTER CAPPED CLIMAX

Said He Couldn't See How Any Real Big Man Could Take Offense at His Jibes

By HASCOM N. TIMMONS.

World's Washington Correspondent.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Notice has been served on stage comedians, many of whom joined a pre-election pilgrimage to Marion, that the Harding administration does not like to be the butt of their jokes. This is the interpretation placed on incidents of the past week, when Will Rogers, Claremore, Okla., cowboy actor, screen star and headliner of Ziegfeld's Follies, came under the displeasure of the white house after he had perpetrated several of his jokes at the expense of President Harding and the "disagreement conference" as the comedian terms it.

Rogers, who has entertained presidents always since Roosevelt took him under his wing and encouraged him to go on the stage, caused tickets to be sent to President Harding, but they were returned "with thanks."

When a congressman friend asked for tickets for the actor to the white house reception, he was told: "We are sorry but it can't be arranged." The final chapter in the affair, locally, was written on the closing night of Rogers' engagement, when the actor, replying to one of the numerous encores from a packed house, made some observations which might be properly labeled, "Presidents I Have Known."

In response to a curtain call, Rogers said: "I have cracked quite a few jokes on public men here, but republicans and democrats. I hope I have not given offense. In fact, don't believe any big men (emphasis on the "big") will take offense. I recall when President Roosevelt was in the white house and I was a dub performer. I took several flings at Teddy. Later when I was invited to the white house, I remarked on meeting President Roosevelt, 'Well, I hope you are not going to put me in jail.' Roosevelt laughed heartily and said, 'Will, don't be afraid you will hurt my feelings. Whenever you can use my name to advantage, go the limit.'"

Wilson Enjoyed It, Too.
This was the beginning of a warm friendship between the irrepressible Teddy and the actor. Incidentally, Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, the late president's son-in-law and daughter, entertained Rogers at luncheon while he was here.

"I remember too," said Rogers, "that when Mr. Wilson was in the white house during the late war, I made some rather rough jokes in this theater at his expense, when he

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Precinct Voting Places in Tulsa

Precinct 1. Jacobs hotel building, 216 East Third.
Precinct 2. Convention hall, Brady and Boulder.
Precinct 3. Central fire station, West Second street, between Boulder and Chery.
Precinct 4. First floor municipal building, Fourth and Cincinnati.
Precinct 5. Norval & Dial Motor Co., 715 South Boston.
Precinct 6. Assessor's office in country between Sixth and Boulder.
Precinct 7. Brown Drug Co., 318 West Fifth.
Precinct 8. Irving school, Park and Maybell.
Precinct 9. Ogea school, East Fairview.
Precinct 10. North side fire station, North Main.
Precinct 11. Washington school, Rockford and Hodge.
Precinct 12. Longfellow school, Fifteenth and Lincoln.
Precinct 13. Lincoln school, Fifteenth and Lincoln.
Precinct 14. Horace Mann school, Eleventh and Houston.
Precinct 15. Nash garage, Eighth and Main.
Precinct 16. River view school, Twelfth and Frisco.
Precinct 17. West side fire station, Twelfth and Frisco.
Precinct 18. North side fire station, Eighteenth and Baltimore.
Precinct 19. Grace M. E. church, South Maybell.
Precinct 20. Kendall school, 201 South Maybell.
Precinct 21. Lee school, Twentieth and Cincinnati.
Precinct 22. Booker T. Washington school.
Precinct 23. Hamilton and Wetzel drug store, 292 South Xanthus.
Precinct 24. Whittier school, 224 North Lewis.
Precinct 25. Rest house, Owen park.

SAYS PROTECTION BOUGHT OF POLICE

Ardmore Druggist Testifies in Ouster of Police Chief

PATROLMAN WAS PAID

Witness Says City Officials Got \$600 a Month; Bought Confiscated Liquor

ARDMORE, Feb. 20.—Testimony of Gus Key, proprietor of a drug store, that he paid Chief of Police Dick Hight of Ardmore for several years protection, terminated today's opening of the trial of Hight, whom the state seeks to remove from office on charges of alleged failure to enforce prohibitory laws. The ouster proceedings are being held in district court before Judge B. C. Longdon of Marietta.

Key said he paid around \$600 a month for protection, that he owned five liquor places in Ardmore and operated three rooming houses. He added that he paid "Tom Adams, former policeman, \$65 a month for protection while Adams was on the force."

He said that, before he went into the army, he paid Hight, who was then United States marshal, for protection on shipments of beer and whiskey from Fort Worth, Texas.

Federal Fine Fixed.
Key testified that he pleaded guilty on a liquor charge before Judge R. Williams when it was alleged to have been agreed between Key and Hight that the fine would not be more than \$250.

The witness said he purchased confiscated liquor from Hight and had in turn sold it at wholesale and retail. He declared the liquor had been confiscated at the local express office.

Key was on the stand when court adjourned abruptly with reports of the shooting in the county attorney's office this afternoon.

Two counts, charging failure to

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FARMERS FRAME POLITICAL PLAN; RAP REPUBLICANS

Speakers Declare Necessity for Replacing "Reactionary Crowd"

LABOR BACKS MOVE

General Aim of Conference Is to Further Principles Beneficial to "the Group"

SEEKING REPRESENTATION

Want More Genuine Farm-Labor Men Elected to Congress; Bar I.W.W. Clique

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—A program of nonpartisan political action that "will result in retiring from public life the servants of plutocracy and privilege" was urged before a conference of more than 100 labor and farm movement leaders by William H. Johnston, president of the International Association of Machinists.

The organizations and groups represented, he declared should "get together in several states and work unitedly in the approaching primaries and in the fall election and elect men who believe in fundamental American principles."

Hope for New Party.
The general aim of the conference, it was said, is to lay down a set of principles by which the interests of the groups represented at the conference would be looked after. While there was no expectation of forming a new political party at present, Chairman Johnston and other delegates expressed hope that a new party might be organized in the near future.

Meanwhile, it will be the object of the labor leaders to work for the election of candidates of the existing parties who are favorable to their program.

"Let us organize and work through existing organizations," Mr. Johnston urged the conference. "The politicians are on the defensive let us keep them there."

Declaring that the conference was unique, "the first national conference of this kind ever held in this country," Mr. Johnston said there had been no common understanding to bind the workers of all walks of life together, lack of understanding and lack of confidence, he continued had entrenched the "forces of reaction" in government. If the workers accepted them, he is "doomed to a groveling dependency," Mr. Johnston asserted.

The forces, the speaker said, threaten free speech and free action, and "sanctioned wholesale corruption of the electorate, by seating in the senate Newberry, its most notorious beneficiary, and has used the federal reserve system as an instrument to deflate and crush farmers and independent business men, and cause nationwide unemployment."

Mr. Johnston declared that "special privileges enjoyed by great corporations" had extinguished equality of opportunity, many farmers being unable to meet the expense of harvesting their crops, while "the C. B. and Q. railroad transporting much of the farmers' product declared a \$50,000,000 stock dividend and 25 per cent cash dividend."

Attacks Harding, Too.

Chairman Johnston charged that not a single member of congress

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Balfour Says Arms Parley Discounts Work of League

LONDON, Feb. 20.—America joined in the praises of A. J. Balfour, head of the British mission at the Washington conference in his welcome to the homeland, when the American ambassador, George Harvey, addressed the Pilgrims' society dinner tonight at which 200 persons assembled. The duke of York represented the royal family and the others included cabinet members, civil and military leaders and official and unofficial representatives of the American community. "It was a personal welcome," for a great pilgrim, according to Marcell Curzon, in contrast to the official welcome accorded Mr. Balfour by the government luncheon Thursday.

The king, by letter which was read to the dinner, the duke of York, Lord Curzon and Mr. Harvey indulged in eulogies of Mr. Balfour. Cheers greeted Ambassador Harvey's prediction that the United States senate was as certain to ratify the various treaties as the British parliament was to sanction them.

"As a result of the Pacific pact," said Lord Curzon, "not a man in the room tonight can expect to see warfare in that part of the world."

The Washington conference, Mr.

Rhode Island Cavalry Troops to the Rescue of Mill Officials.
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 20.—State cavalry troops are on their way from this city to Pontiac, R. I., 10 miles south of here, to quell rioting of textile strikers-sympathizers there.

The cavalrymen were ordered into action by Governor Sargent, when armed rioters had surrounded the office buildings of the Pontiac mills, imprisoning officials and clerks. Windows were smashed and telephone wires cut.

Obenchain Case Continued.
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20.—Owing to the illness of state witnesses, counsel and members of the jury, the trial of Mrs. Madeline Obenchain for the slaying of J. Belton Kennedy today was ordered continued until 10 a. m. Thursday by Superior Judge Sidney N. Reeves.

Continuance ordered because of illness.

What Does Judge Hardy Really Stand For in Government?
Speaking before a democratic gathering in Tulsa the other evening, Judge Hardy expressed himself forcibly against the idea of nonpartisanism in municipal affairs. On Sunday he went into print in a Tulsa publication as follows:

What is best for the state and nation is also best for the city. The local government is the one that is most important to the citizen. It is the one that is most responsible for the welfare of the community. It is the one that is most subject to the influence of the people. It is the one that is most subject to the influence of the money.

Now the question is: Does Judge Hardy favor the charter amendment or does he oppose it? On the face of the record he appears to favor it at Beggs, which is near Okmulgee, and oppose it in Tulsa.

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PARLEY RECORDS NOT AVAILABLE, SENATE IS TOLD

Harding's Letter States No Record Was Kept of "Conversations"

HE HAS NO SECRETS

No Agreements Arrived at That Were Not Published, Reply to Senate Resolution

BORAH IS 'NOT SURPRISED'

But Says "Matter Will Certainly Be Debated on Floor When Time Arrives"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—President Harding tonight informed the United States senate that it is "literally impossible" for him to furnish the senate with the information it requested last week as to the negotiations, records and data concerning the adoption of the four-power treaty, which replaces the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

The president conveyed this information to the senate in the shape of a letter designed as a reply to the adoption of the four-power treaty, which replaces the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

"There were many conversations and discussions quite outside the conference, yet vital to its success," said the president's letter. "Naturally they are without record."

The text of the president's letter follows: "To the Senate: Responsive to senate resolution 227 asking for records, minutes, arguments, conversations, etc., relating to the so-called four-power treaty, I have to advise that it is impossible to comply with the senate's request. Many of the things asked in the resolution it is literally impossible to furnish, because there were many conversations and discussions quite outside the conference, yet vital to its success. Naturally, these are without record."

"I do not believe it to be compatible with public interest or consistent with the amenities of international negotiation to attempt to reveal information and confidential conversations or discussions of which no record was kept, or to submit tentative suggestions or informal proposals without which the arrival at desirable international understanding will be rendered unlikely if not impossible."

No Secret Agreements.
"While I am unable to transmit the information requested, I do, however, state this opportunity to say most emphatically that there were no concealed understandings and no secret exchanges of notes and there are no commitments whatsoever except as appear in the four-power treaty itself and the supplementary agreement which are now

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Dying Man Writes Last Message to the Wife and Babies at Home

"Dear wife and babies, I love you all. Be good and give yourselves to God."

This note, scrawled painfully on a piece of paper torn from the inside of a coffin, was on the dead body of Hazen Ruffel of Sand Springs, found Monday morning near Fisher by the gasoline engine which caused his death. It was presumed that Ruffel during the night was caught in the machinery and before he could free himself his limbs were crushed to a pulp and his body otherwise mutilated.

Before death came he was able to write a last message to his loved ones. Ruffel was in charge of the lease, which is three miles south of Fisher.

RELATIVES ARE ANXIOUS TO LOCATE Ruffel's younger brother, T. M. Ruffel, who left home some time ago, so that he may attend the funeral.

Still at Work on Plan to Finance Bonus Proposal

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The question of financing the soldiers' bonus was referred back today to a committee of the house, the special tax subcommittee by the ways and means committee. The subcommittee attacks the problem again late tomorrow.

The trend of thought was that some sort of a manufacturers' or wholesale tax plan would be drafted in accordance with President Harding's suggestion. Approval of such a tax by the entire committee is doubtful.

Effort to block the sales tax within the committee was made, 22 republican opponents of this kind of a levy with petitions freely circulated and signed before the house adjourned today. Representative Dickinson of Iowa who called them together, said it was the hope to obtain sufficient signatures to put a sales tax provision through the house.

It was made known at the white house that President Harding had received many communications opposing enactment of the bonus legislation for the present. At the same time the American Legion's legislative committee made public a telegram from Hanford MacNider, the legion's national commander, opposing any further delay.

4 MEN INJURED IN ARDMORE ROW

Shooting Scrape in Court-house Follows Fuss in County Office

BUD BALLEW INVOLVED

Sheriff London Said to Be Indirect Cause of Affray; Facts Are Fugitive

ARDMORE, Feb. 20.—Former Deputies Bud Ballew and Bill Whitson, Deputies E. J. Cowles and former Jailor E. J. Bird were injured in a shooting affray in the office of the county attorney at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon when Cowles broke into the room where Sheriff London and E. J. Martin, clerk inspector of courts, were engaged in a personal encounter.

Cowles Kicked Door In.
According to witnesses, Cowles, hearing the scuffling inside the office kicked in the door after breaking the glass with his revolver. It is said that he started shooting when he entered the room. Bud Ballew, who was in the room at the time, came between the men, London said, but when the shooting started he pulled his gun and emptied the chamber.

About 15 shots were fired in all, according to London, yet it is unknown how many men were implicated in the affray.

Ballew was shot through the right leg.

Whitson was shot in the left arm and the bones fractured.

Short was shot through the left sleeve and was cut about the head by falling glass.

The extent of Cowles' wounds have not been determined, although he is wounded in the body.

John L. Hodge, assistant county attorney, tonight was investigating the cause of the shooting affray when four men were slightly wounded and a fifth escaped with a bullet hole in his coat sleeve. Because of conflicting stories told by persons, said to be eye witnesses, officers have been reluctant in advancing their ideas as to the cause of the affray.

All of the wounded men were able to leave the hospital tonight and were taken to their respective homes.

The encounter took place in the county attorney's office shortly after a meeting of county commissioners at which there were several hundred persons present.

One Version of Fight.

According to an account told the police, Martin met Sheriff Ewing C. London in the corridor and asked

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SHALL THE CITY FREE ITSELF OF PARTY POLITICS?

That Is the Question the Voters Will Decide at the Polls Today

INVOLVES FIVE ISSUES

But Interest Centers on Charter Amendments No. 2 and No. 4

POLITICIANS ARE ACTIVE

If Majority Poll Sentiment Nonpartisan Government Will Win Victory

Voters of Tulsa are to determine today whether this city shall free itself from the handicaps of partisan municipal government and adopt nonpartisan election and primary amendments that will do away with political designation on local ballots. The polls will open at 6 o'clock in the morning and close at 7 o'clock in the evening.

In all, there are five proposed amendments on which the vote will be cast. Amendment No. 1 provides the city may annex additions without waiting for petitions to be presented by property owners; No. 2 is the nonpartisan election amendment; No. 3 would make the city administration its own executive board; No. 4 relates to the nonpartisan primary, and No. 5 would create a civil service commission to have charge of the police and fire departments.

File for Specific Office.
Of these five proposed amendments, interest is centered in Nos. 2 and 4—their relation to nonpartisan elections, which provide also that candidates for city offices must file for the specific offices they expect to fill and that such names are to be designated plainly on the ballot.

At present it is not definitely known which officer-elect shall fill any office until the new administration has held a meeting and decided on the distribution of commissions.

The proposed amendments provide that no longer they conform to the legal requirements as to date of filing and the number of signatures on their petitions, there are no restrictions on the number of candidates that may file their names for the primary. Such filings are made without any political designation concerning candidates, whose names are to appear under the proper headings.

Two Highest Nominated.
Voters cast their votes for one candidate for each office, as they do under the present election system. Then, at the general election, the names of the two candidates for each office having received the largest number of votes in the primary are placed on the ballot and the voter again votes for one, the nominee for each office receiving the greatest number of votes being declared elected.

During its campaign two years ago the present city administration pledged itself to submit the nonpartisan election amendments when its term expired. The election today is the result of that pledge, which is the only one made by the administration prior to a election that remains to be fulfilled.

Little, if any, opposition to the nonpartisan election amendments can be found among substantial

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Knock Out the Politicians

Elect men to the offices they seek in nonpartisan primary and election.

Vote for Amendments 2 and 4 at the special election on

Tuesday, February 21

Put Tulsa on a

Business Basis

AMENDMENTS TO BE VOTED UPON IN THE SPECIAL ELECTION TODAY

- 1 City Boundary
- 2 Nonpartisan City Election.
- 3 Excise Board
- 4 Nonpartisan City Primary Election.
- 5 Civil Service for Police and Fire.

VOTE FOR AMENDMENTS 2 AND 4 AND PUT TULSA ON A BUSINESS BASIS